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THE FIGHT AT KINSTON—THE TOWN PLUNDERED—GUERILLAS KILLED—ENEMY DISPERSED, ETC.

Newbern, Dec. 15.

Troops dispersed of our forces under the Abolitionists yesterday at Kinston from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., driving them some distance from their position. Not more than three hundred of our troops were engaged. About 1 o'clock Kinston Bridge caught across Neuse bridge, and the rebels retreated this town.

Pushing the engagement the Yankees shelled the town furiously, killing several citizens. It was reported and saw it. Several houses were destroyed. No estimate of loss on either side.

Gov. Vance is here and is doing his full duty.

Gen. Foster sent a flag of truce to Gen. Evans demanding an unconditional surrender. "Tell him to go to hell" was the significant reply.

[Private Correspondence.]

ONE FIGHT AT KINSTON.

Goldsboro', Dec. 14.

All quiet below. The fight yesterday was terrible and the Abolitionists seem satisfied to enjoy holiday. There depredations on citizens same as in other sections.

[Private Correspondence.]

FIRING HEARD BELOW.

Goldsboro', Dec. 15.

Report of Artillery is heard in the direction of the lines since last dispatch.

FROM THE SOUTH-WEST.

Mobile, Dec. 14.

Special to *Advertiser and Register*, dated Grenada 13th, says: Latest reliable intelligence places the Abolitionists at Water Valley, on Tallahatchie river, where they burned five houses. They destroyed all stocks and crops and destroy all surplus.

Grant's and McPherson's headquarters are at Oxford. The enemy officially report 13 killed and wounded at Coffeeville, including five officers. The 2d Iowa lost five out of seven.

The advance of the Abolition army is an indiscriminate raid, causing destruction to every interest. Private property is not respected.

Gen. Pemberton reviewed our troops at this point today.

FROM CHARLESTON—DEMONSTRATION ON THE COAST.

Charleston, Dec. 14.

This morning the enemy's gunboats in Stono river, a few miles below the city, opened fire upon our pickets on James Island, near Secessionville. After firing 50 shells without effect they desisted. It is conjectured that these demonstrations are intended as a feint to occupy the attention of our troops in this neighborhood.

The South Carolina Legislature has unanimously passed a bill pledging the faith and funds of the State for the redemption of its quota of the Confederate war debt, provided that such bonds as may be sold within the Confederacy be sold to the highest bidder, and provided that citizens of the State shall have the right to purchase the bonds it guarantees in preference to all other equal bidders.

[From our Second Edition of Saturday.]

KINSTON IN POSSESSION OF THE ENEMY—OUR FORCES FELL BACK—ENEMY THIRTY THOUSAND STRONG, ETC.

[From our Special Agent.]

Goldsboro', Dec. 14.

I have just arrived. Have seen the military authorities.

There has been no fighting since yesterday. Our loss is not considered very great.

Kinston has been taken by the enemy. They occupied it last night, and now hold it.

Our forces have fallen back four miles this side of Kinston, where it is supposed a stand will be made.

The enemy's force is supposed to be 30,000. We have troops in motion, but I refrain from particulars, however anxious the readers of the *Progress* may be to have them.

Our troops are in excellent spirits.

Col. Peter Mallett's Battalion was in the fight yesterday, and fought gallantly and sustained considerable loss.

I can give you no particulars as to the killed and wounded yet. This will come as soon as possible. No particulars have been ascertained. Shall go down to the army immediately.

FROM KINSTON.

[Second Edition.]

Goldsboro', Dec. 15.

Col. Mallett is supposed to be a prisoner, and Captain C. C. Lewis is wounded in the thigh.

WANTED—A good healthy WET NURSE. Apply at this office. Dec 15-tf

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Newbern, Nov. 27, 1862.

[illegible] OF MILITIA [illegible] assemble all persons [illegible] enrolled "as aid [illegible] for the [illegible] and an Examining Board will be established in each Congressional District. The Commanding Officers of Regiments will report to the County Seats of their respective counties. Immediately upon receipt of this order the Commanding Officers of Regiments will report all persons not having received certificate of Instruction, and Enrolling Officers will report the duty desired to volunteer must be performed. The time for assembling which will be fixed by the Board of Examiners, will be the 16th of April, 1863.

[illegible] Commanding Officers of Regiments will be required to make a return to the Clerk of the Court, giving the number of persons in their respective Regiments who have received certificates of Instruction, and the number who have not received certificates

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